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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center *SS*

FROM : Associate Coordinator for Academic Relations  
and External Analytical Support

SUBJECT : University Presidents Visit

1. Action Requested: Your signature on the enclosed letters to the presidents of Louisiana State University, MIT, the University of Minnesota, Rice, the University of Rochester, the University of Washington, the University of Miami, and the University of Pittsburgh.

2. Background: You have already approved the plan for the visit (now proposed for March 10) as outlined and amended in the attached memoranda. More specific planning and arrangements will await confirmations from the invited dignitaries.

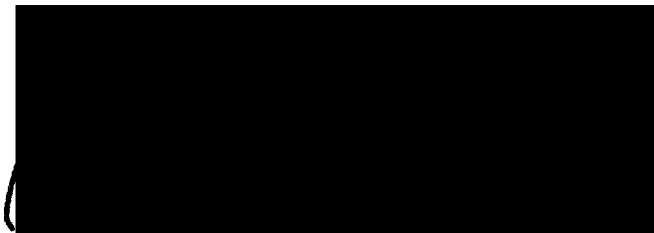
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3. I have discussed the letter and the plan with our DCD field office chiefs in the [REDACTED] offices. All of them are eager and pleased to deliver your letters personally and to assist in coordinating arrangements for the visit.

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The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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[REDACTED] to deliver this letter personally. He is available to discuss my invitation further with you and to help make arrangements if, as I hope, you are able to accept.

Yours,

STANSFIELD TURNER

Dr. Martin D. Woodin, President  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear President Hackerman:

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Dr. Norman Hackerman, President  
Rice University  
Houston, Texas 77001

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Dear President Magrath:

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Dr. C. Peter Magrath, President  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455



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Dear President Sproull:

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STANSFIELD TURNER

Dr. John Hogness, President  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington 98195

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Dear President Stanford:

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STANSFIELD TURNER

Dr. Henry K. Stanford, President  
University of Miami  
Coral Gables, Florida 33124

The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Wes:

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STANSFIELD TURNER

Dr. Wesley Posvar, Chancellor  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260

The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dr. Jerome Wiesner, President  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139